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More than $300,000 Invested in Summer Cultural Events

Summer festivals and events are gearing up throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation has so far invested $304,500 to support a number of flagship events throughout the province.

The Honourable Clyde Jackman, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, said the funding, allocated through Budget 2008, is part of the department's $2.1 million investment in cultural and heritage projects funded through the department's Cultural Economic Development Program (CEDP).

"These events serve to highlight and celebrate our culture and heritage and the diverse creative talents which bring it to life," Minister Jackman said. "They are also, of course, featured attractions which draw both residents and visitors and support our department's efforts to build on our cultural tourism industry."

The minister noted that Rising Tide Theatre is celebrating its 30th year as a professional theatre company this year – and its 15th year of presenting its popular Seasons in the Bight Festival in Trinity.

"All of these festivals and events bring a unique vision and approach to our culture, and provide support to our cultural industries and the professional artists who bring them to life," Minister Jackman said.

Organizations holding summer events, and approved for CEDP funding to date, include:

- **Rising Tide Theatre** – $70,000 to offset costs associated with the production of its Seasons in the Bight Festival in Trinity, to run June 28 through October 13, 2008.
- **Theatre Newfoundland and Labrador** – $65,000 to offset costs associated with the production of its 2008 Gros Morne Theatre Festival, to run until September 20.
- **Lighthouse Productions** – $25,000 to offset costs associated with the production of its 2008 Grand Bank Regional Theatre Festival, to be held in Grand Bank on the Burin Peninsula from June 27 to August 31.
- **Neighborhood Dance Works** – $20,000 to offset costs associated with its cornerstone event, Festival of New Dance, to be held June 17-23, and other projects beneficial to the development of contemporary dance in the province.
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- **Wonderbolt Productions** – $20,000 to offset costs associated with production of its circus in St. John's, and four additional venues in Eastern Newfoundland during July 2008.
- **Atlantic Jazz Initiative** – $20,000 to offset costs associated with its 7th Annual St. John's Jazz Festival, featuring local, national and international artists, to take place July 16-20 at various venues around St. John's.
- **Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Arts Council** – $20,000 to offset costs associated with production of its 2008-09 season, including the cornerstone event – the Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Festival – to be held August 8-10 in Bannerman Park.
- **Andy Jones Productions** – $20,000 to offset costs associated with touring the one-man show, *An Evening With Uncle Val*, to 18 venues across Canada; and costs associated with product enhancement, distribution, and market access.
- **St. John's Comedy Festival** – $15,000 for marketing and promotional costs associated with its second annual comedy festival, to be held June 18-22 in St. John's.

- **Tramore Productions** – $10,000 to offset costs associated with the production of its 2008 summer program, to include theatre, ballad singing, and storytelling in Cuslett, Placentia Bay.
- **Nickel Independent Film Festival** – $10,000 to offset costs associated with its 8th annual film festival, to take place June 24-28 in St. John's, showcasing the work of local independent filmmakers along with that of Canadian and foreign filmmakers.
- **Writers at Woody Point Festival** – $6,500 to showcase writers and musicians from Newfoundland and Labrador with guest artists from outside the province. This year's event will be held August 12-17, 2008, and will recognize the 100th anniversary of the Heritage Theatre with a special concert, A Tribute to Figgy Duff, featuring Pamela Morgan and other original members of the seminal Newfoundland group.
- **Cape St. Mary's Performance Series** – $3,000 to offset costs associated with its performance series of music, storytelling and readings, to be held until September 20 at the Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve.

CEDP projects are selected on the basis of business plans, vision and potential for development within a specific sector. For more information on guidelines, please see www.tcr.gov.nl.ca/tcr/services_and_programs.htm

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